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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.

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**Office Action Summary**

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

Entries in this table are made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.4(a). An extension may never exceed a year, unless filed after S X 6 MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  
 1) If a reply is filed less than thirty (30) days after the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.  
 2) If no period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire S X 6 MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  
 3) Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will by statute cause the application to become ABANDONED. 35 U.S.C. § 133.  
 4) Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earlier patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.714(b).

**Status**

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2003.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.      2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) Claim(s) 21-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 21-27 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121

**Attachment(s)**

- Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 21-27 are currently pending in this application. Originally presented claims 21-23 were subjected to "species election" requirement, requiring the applicants to elect a single amino acid position for the variant human DNase I along with the requirement for election of a single amino acid SEQ ID NO: for further prosecution. New claims 24-27 were filed by the applicants in response to the "Species election".

#### *Election/Restrictions*

The reply filed on 7-24-03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants were required to elect a single species i.e., a single amino acid position and a single amino acid SEQ ID NO, for further prosecution. However, while applicants have elected a single amino acid position, "N74K", they have not elected a single amino acid SEQ ID NO. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-306-5681. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura Achutamurthy can be reached on 703-308-3804. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4242 for regular communications and 703-308-4242 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-0196.

Manjunath N. Rao  
August 8, 2003